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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built in 1883, this church replaced an 1844 stone church measuring sixty by thirty-eight feet. The original church was "the first stone Catholic church in the interior of Missouri." (Gilbert J. Garraghan, S.J., "The Mission of Central Missouri," in The Saint Louis Catholic Historical Review, October 1920, p. 171). The present church is a German variation of Gothic Revival design.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.